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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The purpose of this Communication is to alert the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the existence of a company called Integris Security, of 1230 Oakmead Parkway, Suite 208, Sunnyvale, California, 94086. Integris Security claims to have been developing a certificate revocation system based on Merkle tree hashing. Integris Security has indicated that they intend to commercialize their system some time in the fall of 1996. A copy of a recent facsimile message from Integris Security to Applicant is attached.

All of our information has been obtained through informal contacts with representatives of Integris Security, including Mr. Steve Harari, the President and Chief Executive Officer, and through informal contacts with others. Applicant has sought more information about Integris Security's work in the area of certificate revocation, but Integris Security has refused to provide such information unless Applicant signs a non-disclosure agreement, which is not acceptable to Applicant.

We are not aware of any commercialization, products, patents, patent applications, brochures, advertising material, publications, or other information about Integris Security that could be material to patentability. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we will, of course, notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should we discover any information that is material to patentability.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1257.

Respectfully submitted,

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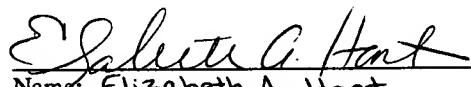
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